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COAL
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GEOLOGICAL RESOURCES OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the total geological resources of coal available in the country;

(b) whether the existing reserve of coal can meet the requirement of coal of the country;and

(c) the details of the coal blocks allocated during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA)

(a): As per inventory of Geological Survey of India,the total geological resources of coal in India as on 01.04.2008 are 264.535 billion tonnes.

(b): As per report of Working Group on Coal and Lignite for XI Plan the total coal demand of the country by the terminal year of XI plan (2011-12) is 731 million tonnes.Out of which,demand of coking coal is estimated around 68.50 million tonnes against which,the estimated supply from the country is 27.65 million tonnes,resulting a gap of about 41 million tonnes.In case of non-coking coal,gap between demand and supply is about 10 million tonnes.To bridge the gap between demand and supply for coal,import of coal is to be resorted to.

(c); During the last three years 127 number of coal blocks having a reserve of 32.92 billion tonnes and during the calendar year (upto 10.9.2008),19 coal blocks having reserves of 2.97 billion tonnes have been allotted to various public and private sector companies in the field of Power,Iron & Steel,Commercial Mining,Cement etc.